

REMARKS

Claims 1-68 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 68 over Helferich

Claims 1 and 68 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,636,733 to Helferich ("Helferich").

Claim 1 recites a method of providing electronic event notification, comprising associating a first electronic event message with a first phone number, and providing information about the first electronic event message when a communications device calls the first phone number.

Claim 68 recites means for receiving an electronic notification of a first event, means for associating a first claim check with information about the first event, means for generating a message for the first event, means for receiving an electronic notification of a second event, and means for associating a second claim check with information about the second event.

The Examiner cites columns 4 and 5 of Helferich, and in particular Col. 4, lines 11-14, for allegedly disclosing provision of electronic mail notification. (Office Action at 2)

Helferich relates to a simple email server, and receipt of **simple email**.

The present invention relates to a notification system, that requires electronic notification of an event. Helferich discloses nothing but a simple email server that allows remote retrieval of simple email messages. Helferich fails to disclose notification of anything, much less notification of an event as claimed.

For at least all the above reasons, claims 1 and 68 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2-67

It appears that the Examiner may have intended to include claims 2-67 in the rejection under 35 USC 102(e), though technically speaking they are not per the rejection articulated on page 2.

Just as described with respect to claims 1 and 68 as articulated above, Helferich fails to disclose a **notification** system that requires electronic **notification** of an **event**, much less **notification of an event** as claimed by claims 2-67,

For instance, claims 2-8 recite a method of providing **electronic event notification**, comprising associating a first **electronic event message** with a first phone number, and providing information about the first **electronic event message** when a communications device calls the first phone number.

Claims 9 and 10 recite a method of providing an **event notification**, comprising receiving an **electronic notification of the event**.

Claims 11-18 recite a method of providing an **event notification**, comprising associating at least one claim check with the **event**.

Claims 19-24 recite a method of providing an **event notification**, comprising associating a first claim check with a **first event**, and associating the first claim check with a **second event**.

Claims 25-27 recite a method of providing an **event notification**, comprising associating a first claim check with a **first event**, and associating a second claim check with a **second event**.

Claims 28-31 recite a **notification** system, comprising a messaging module configured to receive an **electronic notification** of an **event** and associate at least one phone number with the **event**.

Claims 32-38 recite a **notification** system, comprising a messaging module configured to receive an **electronic notification** of **at least one event**, and to associate at least one of a plurality of claim checks with the **event**.

Claims 39-47 recite a **notification** system, comprising a messaging module configured to receive **electronic data about an event** for an entity, and to associate the **electronic data about the event** with at least one claim check.

Claims 48-59 recite a **notification** system, comprising a messaging module configured to receive electronic notification of a **first event**, to associate a first claim check with the **first event**, to receive electronic notification of a **second event**, and to associate the first claim check with the **second event**.

Claims 60 and 61 recite a **notification** system, comprising means for receiving an **electronic notification of an event**, and means for associating at least one of a plurality of phone numbers with the **event**.

Claims 62-65 recite a **notification** system, comprising means for receiving an **electronic notification of an event**, means for associating at least one of a plurality of claim checks with information about the **event**.

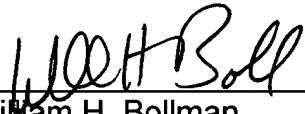
Claims 66 and 67 recite means for receiving an electronic notification of a **first event**, means for associating a first claim check with information about the **first event**, means for generating a message for the **first event**, means for receiving an electronic notification of a **second event**, and means for associating a second claim check with information about the **second event**.

Claims 2-67 are patentable for many of the same reasons that claims 1 and 68 are patentable over the prior art.

Conclusion

The rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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